THE MINISTR OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The Government is not opening a new Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology in Madhya Pradesh but is upgradig the existing Foodcraft Institute at Gwalior into a diploma level Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology with effect from the academic session 1992-93.

Complimentary facilities to I.T.D.C. Executives

2678. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific policy has been evolved by the I.T.D.C. for providing complimentary facilities to certain individuals through a selected executives of I.T.D.C.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the said policy has certain limitations while extending the facility to individuals, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the designations of such I.T.D.C. executives who have been empowered to extend complimentary facilities/services upto a particular limit during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(e) what are the details of authorities in the I.T.D.C. to check the misuse of the power for extending complimentary facilities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) I.T.D.C., like other commercial organisations/hotel chains, has laid down the policy whereby the corporate executive Heads/Head of Divisions/Units are empowered to extend complimentary facilities in ITDC units/services to individuals outside the Corporation having business and official dealings with ITDC. The unit heads/senior executives of ITDC ensure that such facilities are not misused.

Upgradation of Bangalore Airport

2679. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government is representing for upgrading Bangalore Airport into a modern International Airport in view of Bangalore's locational advantages and the ever increasing growth in traffic;

(b) whether Central Government has set up a committee to go into this aspect and select a suitable site; and

(c) if so, what are the recommendations of this committee and what effective steps are being taken by the Central Government to modernise Bangalore Airport and what is the time-frame for completing the construction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The report of the Committee recommending a specific site has been received by the Government recently. Since the Government have to consider various techno-economic factors before taking a final view in the matter, no time-frame can be fixed at this stage.

Closure of I.A. booking office at Kanchenjunga in New Delhi

2680. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines booking office in Kanchenjunga Building at Barakhamba Road, New Delhi remains closed ever since a fire broke out the buiding on June 1st and has not been opened even after the clearance given for the building;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that a private airline that has its office close to the building has increased its sales